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SUBJ: RECONCILIATION ATTEMPT WITHIN UNITED FRONT

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1. LAST-MINUTE ATTEMPTS AT RECONCILIATION BETWEEN TWO FEUDING ELEMENTS OF UNITED FRONT (UF) GOVERNMENT HAVE POSTPONED ANY FINAL RESOLUTION OF WEEKLONG CABINET CRISIS. PRIME MINISTER WAS EXPECTED TO ANNOUNCE NEW MINISTERIAL LINE-UP AUGUST 22. SHEHAD OFFERED LESS PRESTIGIOUS PORTFOLIOS TO FINANCE MINISTER N.M. PERERA AND TRANSPORT MINISTER LESLIE GOONEWARDENE, TWO OF THREE PRESENT LSSP MINISTERS. THE THIRD, COLVIN DE SILVA, WOULD

UNDER HER OFFER REMAIN AS MINISTER OF PLANTATION INDUSTRY, DEPRIVED OF POSSIBLE ROLE IN MANAGEMENT OF SOON TO BE NATIONALIZED ESTATES. THIS PROPOSAL WAS REJECTED BY LSSP CENTRAL COMMITTEE.

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2. HOWEVER, LSSP CENTRAL COMMITTEE IS MEETING

AGAIN AUGUST 23 AND PM REPORTEDLY HAS MADE ONE
OR MORE REVISED OFFERS TO LSSP RE CABINET RESHUFFLE
AND IS GIVING PARTY TIME TO RECONSIDER.
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